

Maricopa County Education Service Agency



Is Homeschooling Right for Me?

Homeschooling is defined by Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) 15-802 as, "a school conducted primarily by the parent, guardian or other person who has custody of the child or instruction provided in the child's home." Taking this information into account, read and think about the following questions and things to consider in order to determine if home schooling fits into your child's educational plan:



Do I have the time and organizational skills to aide my student in succeeding in their education?

Consider the following:

There are a number of tasks to be planned and carried out when homeschooling. As the "home school", you are responsible for the following:

- Development of curriculum
- Creation of lesson plans
- Purchasing of materials
- Creation and grading of assignments and/or assessments
- Maintaining transcripts of grades
- Scheduling "classroom" time and making it a fixed time
- Providing structure and an environment conducive to learning



Is homeschooling the best educational option for my student and what they need to be successful?

Consider the following:

Homeschooling does have its benefits. These benefits include one-on-one situations, personalized lessons, and the familiarity and confidence in working with a parent/guardian. Do these benefits sound like they match up with your student's needs?



Have I explored all of the options available for my student's education?

Consider the following:

ARS 15-802 lists the educational options for students as public, charter, private, and homeschooling. These are all options within Arizona, but some additional educational sources would be online classes or tutoring, if your student requires additional assistance.